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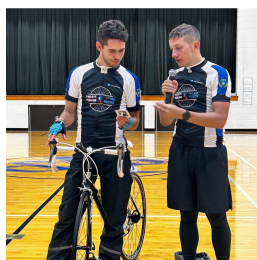
October 1, 2026

SCHOOL NEWS

PRIESTS PEDALING FOR PRAYERS

Three young priests of the Diocese of Peoria are bicycling across Central Illinois to raise awareness of and prayers for vocations. This year's route is expected to cover as many as 200 miles as it takes Father Ben Schoonmaker, Father Nick Conner, and Father JohnPaul Stedwill from LaSalle to Oglesby, Washington, Peoria, Morton, Normal and Champaign.

Along the way, the "Priests Pedaling for Prayers" made a stop at St. Vincent de Paul to share their joyful witness to the priesthood and pray with our students for an increase of vocations to the priesthood. Please continue to pray for them as they complete their journey, praying especially for priestly vocations!



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

October Virtue of the Month: Reverence

Help extend what our students are learning at home! Discuss the virtue at your dinner table. Invoke the saint that is a model of that virtue, and check out page 15 of the parents' guide for more ways to live out the virtue at home.



St. Hyacinth
Pre-K-2nd



St. Tarcisus
3rd-5th



St. Margaret Clitherow
6th-8th



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REVERENCE

Showing your deepest respect for things of God



- Genuflect carefully when entering or leaving the church, remembering that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.
- Make the Sign of the Cross slowly and intentionally instead of rushing through it.
- Enter church quietly and remember that it is a sacred place for prayer.
- Participate fully at Mass by responding, singing, listening, kneeling, and standing attentively.
- Receive the Eucharist reverently and spend time thanking Jesus afterward.
- Be still, attentive, and focused on Jesus during Adoration.
- Treat Bibles, rosaries, crucifixes, and other sacred objects respectfully.

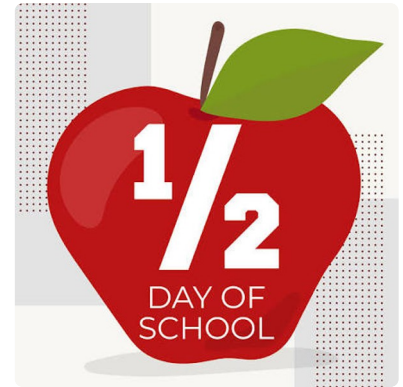
“Be still and know that I am God!”

— Psalm 46:11

1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL

Thursday, October 8th - 11:30am Dismissal

There will be a 1/2 day of school due to Parent/Teacher Conferences. Dismissal will be at 11:30 AM and aftercare will be available. Parents need to provide a lunch.



NO SCHOOL



Friday, October 9th - No School

Monday, October 12th - Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 13th - Staff Development

UNIFORM REMINDERS

The last day of uniform shorts is to be determined by upcoming weather. As you prepare, please note the following reminders.

UNIFORM PANTS

- Navy blue **twill uniform pants**
- NOT PERMITTED:
 - Cargo pants
 - Patch-pockets
 - Color top stitching
 - Pockets on legs
 - Elastic cuff pant legs
 - Faded light color or jean-like
 - Rivets or brads
 - Frayed hem lines, rips tears, or holes
 - Jeans of any kind
 - ***Jeggings, leggings or stretch pants***



SWEATERS: BOYS AND GIRLS

- Navy blue cardigan, crew, or V-neck
- Navy blue vest
- Sweaters and vests cannot have hoods.

SWEATSHIRTS: BOYS AND GIRLS

- Navy blue SVdP embroidered crew neck sweatshirts. Plain navy blue crewneck sweatshirts are also allowed (no manufacturer logos allowed)
- Navy blue SVdP embroidered ¼ zip pullover also allowed
- NOT PERMITTED:
 - Sweatshirts with hoods
 - Fleece jackets may not be worn as part of the uniform

Lunch Menus

SAINT

OCT 30TH @ 2:45PM

PARADE



ALL SAINTS PARADE GUIDELINES:

- All students in Kindergarten – 4th Grade may dress up.
- Students/families may choose a saint of their liking.
- Costume should include a name plate to identify the saint.
- Costumes should reflect the life of the saint, and/or their cause or patronage.
- No guts, gore or grotesque costumes that could disturb our little ones.
- Students will need to be able to dress in their own costumes with limited teacher help.
- Parents may line up behind the cones in the main parking lot to view the parade.

LET'S BE SAINTS TOGETHER!

NEED IDEAS FOR A SAINT COSTUME? CLICK THE LINKS BELOW.

[OVER 150 ALL-SAINTS DAY COSTUMES FOR KIDS](#)
[SAINTS' DAY COSTUMES FOR GIRLS](#)
[SAINTS' DAY COSTUMES FOR BOYS](#)

EXTRACURRICULAR & ATHLETIC NEWS

ART CLUB REGISTRATION

Tuesday Mornings
7:45am

Art club is for fourth - eighth graders and will take place on Tuesday mornings from 7:45am - 8:15am in the art classroom. The first class will be on Tuesday, October 6th. The \$20 supplies fee will be invoiced in your FACTS account.

Sign up for Art Club [here](#)

Contact Mrs. Smith at psmith@svdpvikings.com with any questions.

SVdP Art Club Registration 2026-2027

Complete the following form to register.

[Sign in to Google](#) to save your progress. [Learn more](#)

* Indicates required question



ATHLETICS REGISTRATIONS

5th - 8th Grades

If you haven't already, please register for **ALL** sports your 5th – 8th grade child will participate in this school year.



Monday, October 19th - 5th - 8th grade boys' basketball and 7th & 8th girls cheerleading begin.

NOTE: If this is your first-time registering on our athletics website please be sure to mark "**No**" to the questions for if you completed the three required online forms (waiver, handbook, and concussion) so that you can complete online. The school is required to have these signed forms (one-time per year) for your child to participate in athletics.

If you registered your athlete for the sports of golf, cross country, softball, baseball, and/or girls basketball AND registered for any other sport at the same time you do not need to register again.

- Visit [Athletics Registration](#)
- Complete and submit the required online forms (waiver, handbook, and concussion)
- Turn updated IESA sports physical into school office. If your child's physical expires during their sport season it will need to be renewed before they can continue to play. **Please make sure both parent and athlete sign the physical.**

- The \$45.00 participation fee will be invoiced in your FACTS account on the deadline date.

COACHING HELP NEEDED

Athletics is looking for volunteers interested in helping coach for the following sports:



- 5th and 6th Grade Volleyball
- Track & Field

If you know any individual interested in coaching these sports (or any other sports), please fill out the [Coaching Interest Form](#) on the athletics website.

FAMILY ATHLETIC PASS

2026-2027 Family Athletic Pass - \$75

This pass will entitle parents and their children admission into all regular season home games/matches for girl's basketball, boy's basketball, & volleyball. Any tournaments or IESA post-season games hosted at St. Vincent are not included.

Those interested please complete and return the [Family Athletic Pass Form](#) to the school office or purchase at the admissions window. Payment may be in the form of cash, check (payable to SVdP Athletics), or billed in your FACTS account. A list of participating families will be present at the admission window during games for reference and check-in. No cards will be issued.

Any questions contact our AD, Mr. Alex Elger at athletics@svdpvikings.com

PEORIA NOTRE DAME NEWS

PND ACADEMIC ADVENTURE DAY -8TH GRADERS

Wednesday, October 14th

Our eighth graders will be attending a field trip to Peoria Notre Dame High School for Academic Adventure Day.





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Upcoming Events

*in
October*

OCT 02	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM
OCT 05	All School Rosary @ 2:35 PM
OCT 06	Adoration, all day
OCT 08	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM 1/2 Day School - 11:30 AM Dismissal Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-7 PM
OCT 09	No School
OCT 12	No School - Columbus Day
OCT 13	No School - Staff Development Day
OCT 16	All School Mass @ 9:15 AM End of Quarter 1



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